

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, I feel that this is a scheme to limit my ability to enjoy programming on any terms other than a one-time pay-per-use basis, eliminating any type of personal- or fair-use. I think that criminals will be able to circumvent this type of scheme, however.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes, my right to use technology, non-commercially within my home as I see fit will be seriously crippled.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Regardless of intent, this proposal almost certainly will stunt the growth of new options for the consumer.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Of course the cost will be borne by the consumer, particularly when the new digital fetters make buying new equipment a necessity.

Other Comments:

I believe that a strong democracy is absolutely dependent on a well informed populace, and therefore I believe strongly in the free flow of information. I believe that copyright must exist to support the free dissemination of information and not as a profit maximizing scheme.